



# Atlantic City Public Schools

*The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.*  
~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

March 30, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request for Waiver of Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2018  
CC Docket No. 02-6

Contact:

Name of School or Library: **Atlantic City Board of Education**  
School or Library Billed Entity Number (BEN): **123420**  
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FY 2018 Form 471 Application #: **181026415**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing to respectfully request the FCC to grant a waiver of the Funding Year 2018 Form 471 deadline so that our Form 471 E-rate application will be considered as having been filed within the 'window.' The Form 471 was submitted on March 30, 2018. We were unable to make the March 22, 2018 deadline, due to school closings as a result of extreme weather. Although the Board had approved our contract extensions at an earlier meeting, we also increased bandwidth in one of our FRNs. Although the Board usually doesn't need to approve such, we felt Board approval would be in keeping with our records. However, the Board meeting scheduled for March 20, 2018 was cancelled due to inclement weather and the District also closed down for the duration. Had the Board meeting commenced as scheduled, we would have made the March 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline.

We realize that previous precedent is for the Commission to grant Form 471 deadline waiver requests if the Form was submitted within 14 days of the Form 471 deadline.<sup>1</sup> In light of the reasons stated above, we respectfully request the FCC view these extenuating circumstances as good cause to waive the Form 471 deadline for this application.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Slattery

District Teacher Coordinator

<sup>1</sup> *Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Academy of Math and Science et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 9256, 9259, para. 8 (2010) (*Academy of Math and Science Order*).